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HOUSE RESOLUTION 67
By Shaw

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Mrs. Nola Walker Bond.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly wish to grasp this golden opportunity to celebrate the life of Mrs. Nola Walker Bond; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bond was an exemplary woman who strove with loving dedication to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of her community, Nola Bond was born March 27, 1914 in Haywood County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Even as a child she was a visionary, believing that any height of success could be attained by hard work, prayer, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Her vision of helping other minorities, led Mrs. Nola Walker Bond to achieve many firsts in her community; after thirty years of meritorious service as an educator, she was the first minority to open a supermarket in Brownsville, the first minority to own and operate a beauty school, and the first minority to own and operate a restaurant; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong community activist, Mrs. Bond was a valuable member of numerous organizations, including the Haywood County Jury Commission, the Haywood County Civil and Welfare League, and a life member of the Haywood Branch of the NAACP; she also

served as an officer of the TN Voters Council and the Board of Director of the Dunbar-Carver Alumni; and

WHEREAS, Nola Bond, a devout and lifelong member of the Oakview Baptist Church, faithfully served her fellow parishioners in any capacity that she was needed; and

WHEREAS, She was called to rest on November 30, 1998, and is sorely missed by her community and all who loved her; and

WHEREAS, The connecting bridge in her community, Mrs. Nola Walker Bond was a sterling example of true leadership; leading by example and encouragement, she inspired in others confidence in themselves and in their community; and

WHEREAS, Proverbs 31:10 reads, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies"; Mrs. Bond was a virtuous woman, who lived a life of thoughtful service and steadfast faith; and

WHEREAS, She has left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and conviction in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Nola Walker Bond, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her numerous achievements, and her commitment to her community, and celebrate the beauty that was her well-spent life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we join with Mrs. Bond's family, friends and neighbors in commemorating her life of purpose and commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.